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Editorial

THE DRAFT

The Senate has passed one of the most far-reaching pieces of legislation in the history of the nation since the Burke-Wadsworth compulsory military training bill. Never before have the American people faced a peace-time conscription. Never before in time of peace has our government asked so much of its citizens. You must devote a year of your life to your government. You must train yourself in the art of war.

Why this radical departure from our traditional policy? The answer is simple: It was forced on us by the living people by a present-day situation which has no power and world domination is exceeded only by his ruthlessness in achieving it.

The passage of the compulsory military training bill resulted from the efforts of the people of the United States. Neither the President nor Congress took the leadership. The leadership was taken by the general public—a citizen aroused by the aggressions, the successful aggressions, of the Hitler military machine.

Alone away from one's job, and one's family and one's friends is not a pleasant thought. It will work a disruption on most, if not all, who are called for training. The people of the world; the blessings of democracy are without equal; that democracy is not merely an ideal but a tangible way of life.

The American people (speaking of course, of course) do not believe in the United States in its infancy. The American people regard its independence as too precious to run the risk of a military draft.

Our people know that a nation that cannot defend itself is a nation that cannot stand to undergo the hardships and sacrifices which are necessary to make it strong.

The people of America demand that America prepare itself for the future. They intend to see that it does.

This is no time to play politics. This is no time to withhold from the public the TRUE status of our national defense.

This is no time to assume the attitude of so securely stated by Mr. Harry L. Hopkins, that "the people are too damn dumb to understand."

This is no time for any man or any congressional committee or any department of government or any other body to tell the people about it. Let me run this show in my own way. I'll tell the people about it.

This is no time, either, to attempt to put the defense burden on the unemployed or the CCC. This is no time to make the defense burden become necessary, by all means, to the people of the United States, all colors, all creeds.

That is why conscription is the preferable way—the democratic way.

The way of peace is the way of strength. It is the way of the future. We must have the peace to demand it.

To have the might we must have the will and the courage to sacrifice. The American people have that will and that courage. All they ask is that they be taken into the confidence of the government and be properly and constantly informed as to the progress or lack of progress of our defense program.

To be so informed is the right of the people of America. It is the responsibility and duty of the leaders of America. — From Winchester Star.

Appomattox is a growing town. The present war in Europe enters its second year this month.

Schools open September 12. Richmond will dedicate Federal park on Labor Day.

Richmond wins Piedmont league baseball crown.

Appomattox plays Craddock Terry here Saturday.

IMPROVED SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

By HAROLD L. LUNDQUIST, D. D.
Dean of the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago
(Released by Western Newspaper Union)

Lesson for September 8
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GOLDEN TEXT—O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exult in his name together.—Psalm 96

INVITING OTHERS TO WORSHIP GOD
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Worship is not only fitting, but altogether natural to the soul aglow with the love of God. Yet it is a sacred privilege to which we may call ourselves and others in the nature and preparation for its practice.

What is worship? How does it differ from prayer, or from praise? We hope we can find a story which we are nevertheless on the road to success. We do a back-swing.

In the meantime, let us get on with our defense program. We are very likely that every citizen in a factory in Europe except some in Russia. When that hour arrives, the American airplane factory will turn the tide.

It is strange and amazing world. Traffic Rules Date Back to Caesar

Man's age-old desire to travel at his own pace has been the cause of even in Julius Caesar's day, H. M. Spear, Chicago, says. To regulate the congestion in Caesar's Rome, he had chariots but those of influential officials were barred from the central area.

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Appomattox Personal

Giles Englewood Richmond, and Billy guests in the home of L. L. Gayle.

Peters, of Hazard, Clint Peters, of Gate City, and Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Peterson, of Martinsburg, spent the week of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Peterson.

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Appomattox Team, Winners of Skyline League Pennant

The Appomattox team, consisting of Lathan Harvey, Dick Sagnet, Bo Stanley, Nat Reason, and Marshall reunion Sunday and Monday at the home of Howard Marshall.

Mrs. G. F. Abbot Jr. has returned home after visiting in Atlanta.

Mrs. Evelyn Carter, of Burkeville, and Mrs. W. R. Rylands, of Martinsburg, were called to Appomattox Tuesday by the illness of their father, W. L. Brown.

Mrs. Maggie Miller, who has been spending some time in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Laney, will leave Sunday for Massachusetts, where she will join her mother, Mrs. M. G. Peterson.

Mrs. Harry Hunt, of Raleigh, is spending two weeks here with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rylands. She is visiting with her mother, Mrs. M. G. Peterson.

Miss Nina and Mr. Anna Jones, of Martinsburg, are visiting with their mother, Mrs. M. G. Peterson, and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Rylands.

Mrs. Basil James, of Lynchburg, spent Sunday with Mr. C. W. Smith, of Appomattox.

Mr. and Mrs. Berkeley Carter and Mr. and Mrs. Jean spent Sunday at Concord.

Miss Edith O'Brien, who has a position at Hampton-Sydney, was in Appomattox for the week-end.

Joe Ryb spent several days this week in Lynchburg.

Spiders in War
Instead of killing spiders, reports Pathfinder, Britons are catching them and releasing them in cardboard boxes to the ministry of supply.

In a radio appeal for spiders, the ministry explained that spiders were used to make gratitudes. Spiders, it was explained, weave webs that seldom vary in diameter.

"Spider web is much stronger than any other material. It has an even thickness and will withstand the shock of gunfire."

as our almost exclusive retail advertising medium—the increase was perfectly normal. It is pretty well accounted for by the fact we opened a number of new stores during 1939 and that our gross sales were the highest in the history of the company during the same year, thus making available more money for advertising.

"It is quite apparent from the study prepared by our national office that while Sears will not disregard other forms of advertising, we will continue to attract customers into our stores through a liberal use of newspaper space."

In terms of space the huge sum spent by Sears last year to get its sales messages across to the public amounts to \$8,239,278. This total exceeds by 14,467,361 lines, or 19.35 per cent, the amount of space used the previous year.

Sears' advertising study further reveals that all of the 1,717,489 lines of the company's 1939 appropriation for retail advertising went to newspapers. Of this amount, 1,717,489 lines were spent on circulars and miscellaneous types of publications, and 1.17 per cent went towards the purchase of radio time.

According to Mr. Dunham, the fact that Sears is one of the largest advertisers in the country is a newspaper space in the entire country has meant increased revenue for a number of Virginia newspapers.

To advertising bought by Sears from these papers, Dunham said, is \$122,004, an increase of 2 per cent. In terms of space this expenditure amounted to 1,717,489 lines.

"Other than indicating Sears' continued recognition of newspapers as its primary retail advertising medium, last year's increased newspaper advertising expenditures have no special significance," explained Mr. Dunham.

"In view of a definitely policy which Sears has consistently followed since first entering the retail field 15 years ago—that of using the newspapers

Is Your Land For Sale? LIST IT WITH ME. J. Carlton Price REAL ESTATE AGENT Phone 33, Appomattox, Va.

LOW PRICES—EASY TERMS AND A CAR YOU'LL LIKE
You haven't got all you want when you buy a car merely because the price is low. The car, not the price, must give satisfaction. If you will find both to your liking.

1940 Dodge Deluxe Sedan, \$900 miles, looks as good as new.

1940 Dodge Special Coupe, Low mileage, excellent condition.

1936 Dodge Deluxe Coach, New tires, finish like new.

1938 Ford Deluxe Sedan, with radio and new tires.

1938 Ford Deluxe Coach, Low mileage, radio and heater.

1938 DeSoto Coupe, Radio, heater and new tires.

1935 Plymouth Coach, Excellent condition, new finish.

1936 Plymouth Touring Sedan, thoroughly reconitioned.

1935 Plymouth Coupe, Good mechanical condition.

Your car taken in part payment. Easy terms to suit your needs.

JOHN P. HUGHES MOTOR CO., Phone 2304 800 Commerce St., Lynchburg, Va.

PARAMOUNT

Now through Saturday RONALD COLEMAN GINGER ROGERS "Lucky Partners"

Starting Sunday "Gold Rush Maize" Les Bowman—Va., Weiler

The Three Oldest Insurance Companies In The World . . .

Are represented by J. A. Burke & Co., Appomattox, Va.

This Agency sells all forms of Insurance, including Fire, Automobile, Life and Surety Bonds.

Phone 4902 Appomattox, Va.

BOWL FOR HEALTH & FUN . . .

High Scores last week: For men: E. F. Ramsey 141; Clinton Childers 129; Jim